

Constitution of Egypt



CIRCULAR,

ACT OF INCORPORATION,

CONSTITUTION,

GOVERNMENT AND BY-LAWS,

OF THE

BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY,

Organized December 4, 1833.

Accepted the Act of Incorporation March 25, 1834.

"Train up a child in the way he should go."....*Solomon.*

"Be not weary in well doing.".....*Paul.*

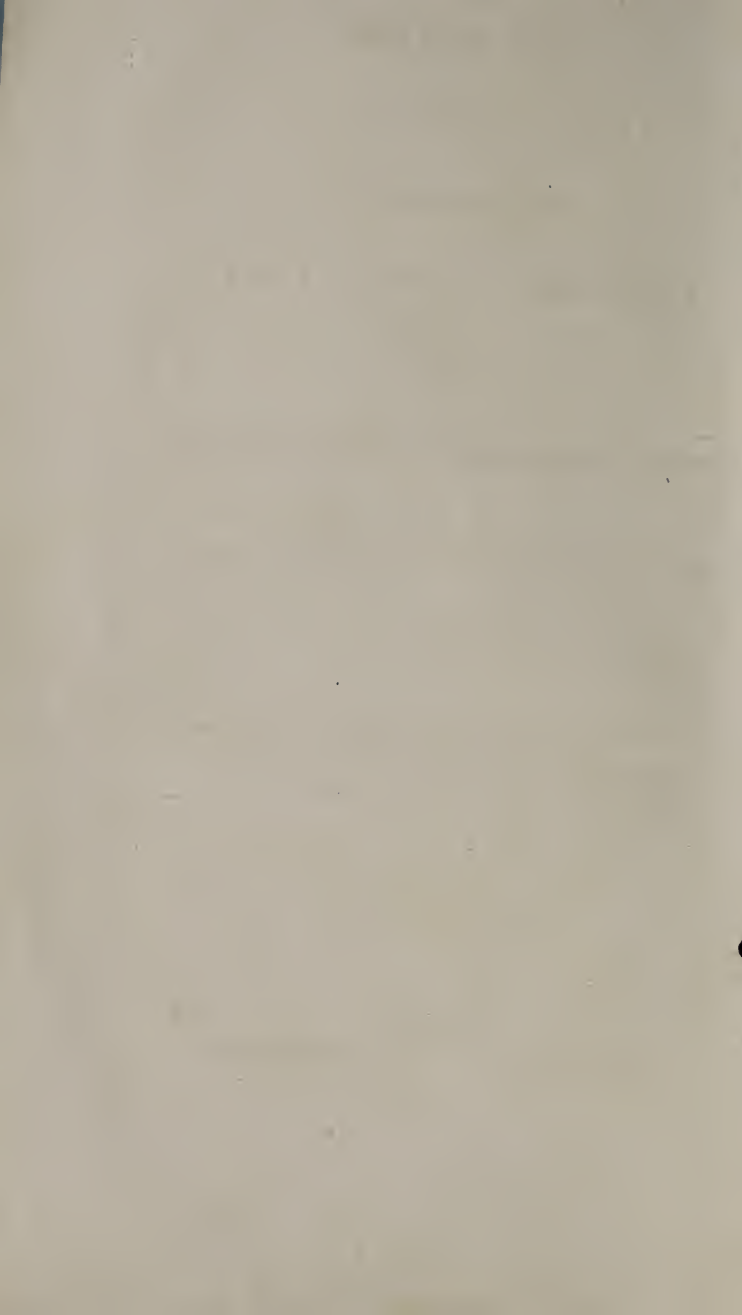
"Just as the twig is bent, the tree 's inclin'd."

BOSTON:

PRESS OF J. HOWE, No. 39, MERCHANTS ROW.

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1837.



CIRCULAR.

A NUMBER of individuals have, for a considerable time, been pained in view of the wretched and perilous condition of very many poor children in this city, whose parents from extreme poverty, indolence and intemperance, so entirely neglect and ill treat them as to render their situation truly pitiable. They have earnestly desired that some benevolent plan might be devised to rescue such from destruction and prepare them to become useful and respectable. But the magnitude of the undertaking, combined with the fact that so many Institutions already exist that draw heavily upon the charities of the benevolent, has hitherto deterred those friends from making any attempt to bring forward a *new object*. The suffering condition of several children at the present juncture, has, however, so far overcome that diffidence, as to constrain them to make a direct appeal to *humanity*, hoping that a due attention to the subject, will obviate all objections, and result in the establishment of an Institution that will prove a blessing to the community, while it shall raise from the depths of human misery many an innocent helpless sufferer that must otherwise, in all probability, meet an early grave, or live to grow up a hardened useless being; and after contributing to the ruin of others, exchange a life of wretchedness for a world of wo!

In presenting this subject, we expect to be met by the argument, that there already is open an "Asylum for In-

igent Boys," another for "Orphan Girls," besides the provision that is made for destitute children from the public chest. All this is acknowledged. But a thorough investigation of the point in hand will show, that there is a class of a very interesting character, who, for various reasons, are not, and probably never will be benefitted by either of those, notwithstanding their excellencies and their utility.

Besides the class of children already named, there is yet another, that stands in imminent danger, and calls aloud for help, viz. those who have one parent, either father or mother, that is willing to labour for their support; but while they do this, it is out of their power to oversee their children, because their work calls them from home. It is often the case that they suffer for want of proper care, become unmanageable, get into the company of vicious associates, and are ruined. How distressing the situation of a *mother*, for instance, her husband dead, or worse than dead, and herself obliged to go out, perhaps every day in the week, to work for the maintenance of three or four children. She leaves them, it may be, with an aged relative, or some person who has no authority over them; they take advantages; neglect their schools; are unreasonably corrected, or injuriously indulged, and the afflicted woman sees them growing up before her, with the disheartening prospect of their becoming odious in society, and likely to bring her with sorrow to her grave.

It is believed, by those who have reflected upon the subject, that an Institution may be raised, that will be calculated to benefit such children, and greatly to relieve their parents, while it will not assume the responsibility of *entirely* supporting the children. The parents, when there are such, should be required to do all that

they are able to do. Where the parents are dissolute, however, it will be expedient to take them (by agreement,) from under their control, altogether.

It being evident that much evil results to society as well as to families, from the neglect and ill management of boys as well as girls, it is proposed that such, under certain arrangements, shall be subjects of this charity, and the aid, both advisory and pecuniary, of gentlemen as well as ladies, shall be solicited. The care and government will, however, more appropriately devolve on ladies.

The outlines of a plan are herein presented, and ladies particularly are respectfully invited to promote the object by subscriptions and donations, and by soliciting the patronage of gentlemen and others.

PLAN.

It is proposed that funds be raised for the purpose of establishing a house for the reception of such children as may be considered suitable subjects, agreeably to the principles suggested above. The design is to render it as nearly as possible, like a well-regulated family of brothers and sisters, under the care and guidance of wise and affectionate parents.

Those parents who may wish to place their children under its care, with a view to their being instructed and brought up to habits of industry, economy, neatness, &c. &c. and have the ability to do so, shall be required to pay, weekly or monthly, such sum for each child as shall, under existing circumstances, be judged reasonable, and at the same time be more beneficial to their children, and more advantageous to themselves, than to keep them at their own homes. They must, moreover, resign them wholly to the government of the Institution

during their residence in it, to be subject to such regulations as shall be most conducive to the general good ; the best interests of the family being the ruling motive with those who undertake to manage the arduous concern.

The ages of children at the time of admission, may vary as circumstances shall dictate. And the dismissal of such as shall be fully adopted by the Institution, as well as the occupation to be pursued, shall be regulated likewise by existing circumstances. Some may be best adapted to domestic avocations, others, to learning some useful trade, &c. Particular regard, therefore, shall be had to the capacities and inclinations of different individuals, as no one can be very profitable to herself, or others, if placed at an employment for which she has no natural taste or disposition. And the Institution may be rather benefitted than burdened by permitting some of them to reside a greater length of time than others, under its paternal roof. As respects boys, however, it will be proper that they be transferred to other hands as early as the age of seven or eight.

Religious instruction shall be considered of primary importance. Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, and Needle-work, shall be taught, agreeably to the capacities of the children. And when the establishment shall have so far advanced as to render it practicable, the girls shall be instructed in the essential and necessary arts of cookery, and other branches of domestic economy and household labor ; it being obvious that much inconvenience and much waste of property result from a want of thorough information in those branches of female education.

Comfortable and sufficient food, clothing and lodging shall be provided ; and strict attention paid to cleanliness and health.

It is sometimes the case that benevolent individuals take upon themselves the charge of supporting an indigent friendless child. It may be a great convenience to place such a one in an Institution like the one under contemplation, the individual defraying the expense, at the same time relieving himself, or herself, of the care and incumbrance. It has often been found extremely difficult to obtain suitable boarding places for children, particularly poor children, where the advantages of a *home* and *requisite instructions* are combined. It is proposed that this shall be a place where the most respectable poor may feel perfectly safe in placing their children, as all intercourse will be cut off between the family, as such, and the connexions of any that may be so unhappy as to have connexions, that are otherwise.

This interesting object is most sincerely commended to the blessing and direction of *HIM* who, when on earth, *took little children into his arms and blessed them*, aware that no enterprise can succeed, without *His* benediction.

Boston, November, 1833.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

SECTION 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That ANN LEE, MARGARET D. BALDWIN, PHEBE H. LINSLEY, SUSAN D. REYNOLDS, and MARY WEBB, with their associates and successors, are hereby incorporated by the name of the Boston Children's Friend Society, for the purpose of providing for the support and education of Indigent Children of both sexes, not otherwise provided for, and who, for want of paternal care, are in a suffering and dangerous condition.*

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, That said Corporation may receive and take by purchase, grant, devise, bequest or donation, any real or personal property, and hold the same for the purposes aforesaid, and may manage and dispose of the same according to their discretion, provided, that, the whole amount of the real and personal property held and possessed by the said Corporation shall never exceed in value at any one time, the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars.*

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted, That RICHARD FLETCHER, JOHN TAPPAN, JOHN B. JONES, BENJAMIN SMITH, DANIEL NOYES, JOHN C. PROCTOR, SAMUEL H. WALLEY, Jr. MOSES POND, GEORGE DENNY, BENJAMIN PERKINS, EBENEZER HAYWARD, and BENJAMIN HOWARD, and their successors, are hereby constituted a Board of Advisers, to co-operate with, and assist the Officers and Managers of said Boston Children's Friend Society, in promoting the benevolent purposes aforesaid.*

House of Representatives, March 8, 1834, passed to be enacted.

W. B. CALHOUN, *Speaker.*

In Senate, March 11, 1834, passed to be enacted.

B. F. PICKMAN, *President.*

March 11, 1834, approved,

JOHN DAVIS.

A Copy. Attest,

EDWARD D. BANGS, *Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

CONSTITUTION.

Agreeably to a public invitation, a meeting was held at the Lecture Room of the Rev. Mr. MALCOM's Meeting-house, on Wednesday morning, December 4, 1833, when the following Constitution was adopted.

ARTICLE I.

THIS Society shall be known and designated by the name of the **Boston Children's Friend Society**, the objects of which, are expressed in the preceding Circular; and which shall consist of both males and females.

ARTICLE II.

A Lady or Gentleman, subscribing and paying *two dollars* annully, shall be a member. Any person paying *twenty-five dollars* at one time, or in two instalments of \$12½ each, shall be a member for life. Annual membership for children and youth, one dollar.

ARTICLE III.

The Society shall annually make choice of a Board of Ladies to manage the affairs of the Institution; by whom a Board of Advisers shall be elected, consisting of Gentlemen, who are subscribers or donors; the number of which shall be determined as occasion may require.

ARTICLE IV.

A President, three Vice Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Managers, shall constitute the Board of

Ladies; who shall appoint such number of Collectors as they may find expedient. They shall likewise have power to fill vacaneies that may occur in either department, and to appoint the Governesses.

ARTICLE V.

The respective officers thus chosen, will be expected to fulfil their appropriate official duties. No monies shall be paid out of the Treasury, but by a written order from the President, or a Vice President; and the Treasurer shall exhibit at every annual meeting, or oftener, if requested, an account current of all receipts and disbursements, together with the amount of the balance on hand. And whenever the funds shall have amountd to the sum of two thousand dollars, she shall be required to give bonds.

ARTICLE VI.

The annual meeting shall be held on the first Wednesday in December, at half past ten o'clock, at such place as the Board may assign, of which the Secretary shall give public notice. The meetings of the Society and of the Board, shall always be opened by prayer.

ARTICLE VII.

The Board shall meet regularly for the transaction of business, on the first Friday in every month, at half past ten, A. M. at the Society's House; and may hold extra meetings whenever it may be requisite, at the call of the President, or in her absence, of a Vice President, with the concurrence of two other members of the Board. Any number of the officers and managers present at a regular meeting, shall be competent to proceed to business in fifteen minutes after the appointed hour.

ARTICLE VIII.

A Committee of two Ladies shall be appointed at each monthly meeting, to visit the Institution once or more every week, to inspect the House; to see that suitable provision is made for the support and instruction of the family; to confer with the Governess, and, if needful, with the Advisers, relative to the best plans and methods of promoting the interests of the establishment; to encourage good behaviour, neatness, industry, &c. in the children; with whatever duties may arise from existing circumstances; and report at the meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE IX.

Any member of the Society may present the case of a needy child; and if, after the necessary inquiries, it appears in the opinion of the visiting Committee and the Governess, to be a proper object of the charity, and the funds are adequate, it may be immediately admitted into the house, and await a further decision of the case, at the monthly meeting.

The gratuitous professional services of one or more approved Physicians, will be gratefully accepted by a vote of the Board.

ARTICLE X.

Any member has a right to withdraw from the Society, by signifying such a wish to the Secretary or the Treasurer; but is obligated to pay assessments, until the desire to withdraw is made known.

ARTICLE XI.

Amendments may be made in this Constitution, by the voice of a majority of the members present at an annual meeting.

The first part of the paper is devoted to a discussion of the general principles of the theory of the structure of the atom. It is shown that the structure of the atom is determined by the laws of quantum mechanics, and that the laws of quantum mechanics are determined by the laws of the theory of the structure of the atom. This is a circular argument, but it is the only way to proceed.

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REGULATIONS AND BY-LAWS.

GOVERNMENT.

THE family shall be under the immediate care and management of a Governess and Assistant, or Assistants, who shall be persons of sound piety and virtuous example, chosen and appointed by the Board of Direction.

It shall be the duty of the Principal, to superintend all the internal affairs of the Institution, and, with the advice of the Board, to make arrangements respecting the appropriate duties of the assistants; to keep a fair and accurate account of all the provisions, goods, &c. that she may receive into the house; of all the articles she may be authorized to purchase, or payments she may make on behalf of the Board; to be careful that nothing is wasted or misused, and once a quarter, to render an estimate of whatever may remain on hand.

She will be expected to keep a record of the names and ages of all the children that are committed to her care, their parent's names and places of birth, so nearly as can be ascertained, with any other circumstances relating to the children that may be interesting. She will preserve general order, industry, neatness, frugality and economy; see that the food, and clothing, and lodging are comfortable and sufficient; and that proper care is exercised in cases of sickness. She will further see that the requisite instructions are regularly and kindly imparted, and by a mild and affectionate exhibition of ma-

ternal regard, endeavour to gain the respect and esteem of her pupils, and to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

She will maintain family worship, strictly observe the Lord's-day, and daily afford such religious instruction as they may be capable of receiving, and as shall be adapted, with the blessing of God, to qualify them to become useful in the present life, and happy in the life to come.

An entire unanimity of feeling and action should be preserved in the management of the family, by those to whose care it is committed. The slightest appearance of the contrary, would have an unhappy influence on the children.

ADMISSION OF CHILDREN.

In the admission of children, care should be taken that none be received, but such as are proper subjects. Their education, and preparation for usefulness and respectability, as well as their rescue from exposure to vice and suffering, being a leading motive in this labour of love, some regard should be had to children of promise in point of *intellect*. And as this Institution will differ essentially from an alms-house or hospital, it will be advisable not to admit any that are laboring under diseases that are likely to affect the general health of the others.

The ages of the children at the time of their admission into the family, and also of their dismissal to other situations, may vary. But the Board will exercise a guardianship over those who are fully given up to its protection, (should their conduct be good,) until they arrive at the age of twenty-one; maintaining a paternal care for them, and endeavoring to promote their welfare and happiness. The parents of such, if they have any, will be required to give up the children by a written or print-

ed agreement to the guardianship and management of the Board, agreeably to the form of surrender annexed to these regulations.

The Girls, after having gone through such a course of instruction as they are adapted to receive, and their capacities having so far developed themselves as to discover their taste and ability for employment, suitable situations shall be sought for them, where they may become qualified to obtain a respectable and comfortable support for themselves, until the age of eighteen, or marriage within that age.

After the age of eighteen, they shall receive all the avails of their own earnings, with the advice and assistance of the Board, as to the best mode of improving such earnings, until they are twenty-one. They will thus be as advantageously situated as are young persons whose parents are able and willing to oversee and direct them, while they support themselves by their own industry; no one having a right to demand any portion of their wages, from eighteen to twenty-one.

Previously to eighteen, or marriage within that age, they will be provided for, (if they prove worthy,) either in the Institution, or in such family, or at such occupation as they may be placed by the Board. And in case of the decease of those under whose care they are placed, or of treatment by them, which is inconsistent with the obligations expressed in the Indentures, the Board reserves to itself the power of transferring the indentures to another individual.

The Boys, at the age of seven or eight, (earlier if needful,) will be under the immediate care and direction of the Board of Gentlemen; who will pursue a course, corresponding with that followed in reference to the girls; (the ladies still exerting a maternal watchfulness and influence over them,) until they become of age.

Should any child prove *incorrigible*, or utterly *incapable* of being prepared to obtain a livelihood, it shall be kindly and equitably dealt by, and be disposed of, as circumstances shall dictate to be right and proper.

The Board, in certain cases, may permit individuals to remain in the family during the whole term of their minority, when by so doing, they may be rendered more useful to the Institution and to themselves.

OF PARENTS OR FRIENDS,

Who may wish to place a Child in the Institution, at their own expense, either in whole or in part.

As this Institution is by no means intended to countenance vice, or indolence, or to release parents from the obligations which the great Creator has laid upon them to support and educate their children; but rather is designed to *assist* them in the more faithful discharge of those high and important duties; it shall be required of those who may wish to avail themselves of these advantages, and *have it within their power*, to pay such sum per week, or month, as shall be judged reasonable and proper according to circumstances, by a committee appointed for that purpose; and the parents or friends shall sign a written or printed agreement that they will give up the child or children, entirely to the care, guardianship and management of the Board, to be governed by the same rules and regulations as are those who are fully adopted, so long as they remain in the house.

If a parent or friend who, either in whole or in part defrays the expenses of a child, wishes to remove it from the Institution, he or she must give notice to the Governess, or to the Visiting Managers, whose duty it shall be to examine into the circumstances of the case, and report to the Board, or to the Standing Committee. If it appear safe and proper, and that the child will be

suitably provided for, it may be dismissed by a vote of the Board or of the Committee, as shall be determined by the Board ; which vote shall be recorded, with such items-of the case as may be requisite.

If upon examination, there is reason to apprehend that a removal will be hazardous to the morals of the child, such course shall be pursued as prudence shall dictate, and as shall be conformable to the principles contained in the surrender of the child to the charge of the Institution.

Any person of good moral character, who fully pays the board of a child, may withdraw it at pleasure.

If it should be found, after a residence of a few months, that any child whose board is wholly or partially paid, is not a suitable subject for the Institution, the Board shall have the right to dismiss it to the parent or friend who surrendered it ; or with the consent of such friend, to make other provision for the child.

MANAGEMENT AND INSTRUCTION.

The glory of God, the salvation of souls, the prevention of pauperism and crime, and the moral and civil order of society, are the great objects which the *Children's Friend Society* have in view ; and for the accomplishment of which, as instruments, they are willing to labour. Conscious that they are entirely dependent on the blessing of God and the gracious operations of his Holy Spirit, to render the means efficacious, they have engaged in this important work. And as the religious and moral culture of those infant and untutored minds, forms the basis on which rests their hope of success, they consider the duties of the Governess as arduous and binding. She will be expected to take the following items, as the model of her course of instructions and management.

She will teach them that the Holy Scriptures are the word of God, and that they are bound to love him with all their heart, and to believe and obey the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. That they are accountable to him for all their words and actions; that he requires them to pay a sacred regard to *truth*, *honesty* and every other moral duty. She will endeavour to mould their dispositions to habits of obedience and respect to superiors, of kindness and affection for equals, and of tenderness and sympathy for those who are less favoured than themselves; and to honour the *aged*, whether rich or poor. The duty and advantages of *self-government*, of prompt submission to *family government*, and the faithful improvement of *time*, will be set before them in a pleasing and interesting manner, and enforced and illustrated by Scripture examples.

SCHOOLING, EMPLOYMENT, &c.

They shall be taught Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography, English Grammar, Needle-work and House-work, agreeably to the ages, capacities and sex of the pupils. Those who are old enough, shall mend and keep in order their own clothes, and by weekly rotation, assist in the domestic business of the family. They shall likewise assist in taking care of the younger children, that by administering little kindnesses and attentions to them, they may become qualified for the exercise of more enlarged duties of a similar nature in after life.

Whenever circumstances shall justify the measure, a suitable person may be employed to instruct them in the necessary and important art of *Cookery*; a branch of female education so essential to the comfort and prosperity of families.

If the weather permit, they shall regularly attend public worship on the Lord's-day, at such place as the Board

shall direct; and in the intervals of worship, the time shall be improved in reading or hearing read the Scriptures, and other suitable books, singing hymns, &c. &c. that the day may be rendered happy and its return desirable. On week days, suitable hours shall be allowed for recreation, and regular hours for school.

The Governess shall not allow any child to be absent from the house, without special permission in writing, from one of the Board.

No relative or acquaintance of any child belonging to the Institution shall interfere in the management of such child, or be permitted to visit him, or her, without the presence of a governess, nor shall more than two of the same family visit any child at the same time, (and never on the Lord's-day,) except in cases of sickness.

ACCOMMODATIONS.

Wholesome and sufficient food, shall be regularly and seasonably provided. The Governess will attend them at their meals, invoke a blessing, and see that proper decorum is observed at table.

Decent and comfortable clothing, suited to the seasons of the year, shall be provided, without particular regard to uniform. Also, comfortable lodging.

In cases of sickness, medical advice will be rendered by the Physicians who kindly accept the appointment of the Board. And the patient shall be recommended for medicines to the charity of the "Boston Dispensary," unless medicines are supplied by benevolent friends.

The Governess will visit the rooms before retiring at night, to see that the children are safe and comfortable.

No child shall be allowed to carry a lighted lamp or candle to any part of the house without the presence of a Governess; and the children who are old enough to retire to bed alone, shall be accustomed to do so without

a light. This will be done with a view to prevent any unpleasant impressions or apprehensions about being in the dark.

The Governess and Assistant, shall never be absent from the house at the same time, and neither should be absent during the night, without the knowledge and permission of the Visiting Committee.

The Committee will examine the children respecting their proficiency in learning, ascertain their treatment, and attend to other duties, as specified in the 8th Article of the Constitution.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS.

The children shall rise at five o'clock in summer, and at seven in winter. Go to bed at six in winter and at eight in summer. Immediately after rising, repeat prayers and hymns. Wash in cold water, comb their heads, clean their chambers, and attend family worship. Take breakfast. Play until nine o'clock. School shall then commence, and continue until twelve. Dinner and proper recreation, shall occupy the time until two. Attend school till five. Play till supper. Repeat Scripture or prayers, and sing hymns. Wash, and retire at the hour appointed, until old enough to sit up and work or study one or two hours later. Saturday afternoons, brush or dust the chambers, wash all over, and put clothes in order for the Lord's-day.

May the Great Head of the Church condescend to own this new and untried effort of his people, to benefit their fellow beings. May a large capital of *mind*, that would otherwise remain shrouded in ignorance, or expand, only in the practice of evil, be brought into pure and vigorous action, and exert a happy influence on the morals of our city. And may many immortal souls, be prepared, by the blessing of God, for the kingdom of eternal glory.

Form of a surrender of a child fully given up to the guardianship, direction and management of the Institution.

Know all Men by these Presents, That I
 of _____, in the County of _____, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the _____ of
 a minor, in consideration that the said child has been received by the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, to be nurtured, educated and employed according to the rules and regulations of said Institution, do hereby surrender and release the said _____ to the said BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, to the entire, sole and exclusive care, management and direction of the said Society, and the Board of Managers thereof, until the _____ day of _____ which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and _____ when the said _____ will have arrived at the age of twenty-one years; to be fed, clothed, governed, instructed, corrected and employed, according to the regulations of said Institution, and under the direction of the proper officers thereof, and when they shall think fit and proper, by them to be bound out in a virtuous family, or to a respectable trade or occupation or to be educated in such other manner as they may deem beneficial during said term of minority, hereby giving, granting, and transferring unto them, all my right, power and authority in and over _____ the said minor.

And I do hereby covenant, That I will in no way or manner, either directly or indirectly, interfere with the management, direction, or government of the said minor; that I will never visit, nor attempt to visit _____ except as may from time to time be permitted me under the regulations of said Institution; that I will never ask nor receive any compensation for _____ services; nor induce, nor attempt to induce to leave any family, station, or employment, in which _____ may be placed by the Board of Managers; and, finally, that I will strictly conform to all the rules, regulations and requirements of the said BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this _____ day of _____ in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and _____

Signed, sealed and delivered, in presence of

Form of agreement to be signed by a parent, or guardian, who wishes to place his or her child, or ward, under the care of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, and engages to defray, either in whole, or in part, the expenses of said child.

I, the subscriber, being desirous to place my child,
 under the care and protection of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, to be fed, instructed, and governed agreeably to the rules and regulation of said Society, so long as circumstances render it necessary and expedient, do hereby agree that I will pay to the Treasurer of said Society, in consideration of the benefits that said child will receive,
 every week, or at that rate, by the month, and that I will abide by all the rules and regulations of said Institution, in such cases provided, so long as said child shall remain in said Institution; and that I will not interfere with the management or government of the said child during residence and support in the Institution; reserving however the right and privilege of taking said child out of said Institution, whenever my circumstances shall render it right and consistent with the best good of the child to do so. And should I at any time apply for the child under circumstances, which, in the opinion of the Board of Managers, or of the Committee appointed to judge in such cases, will be hazardous to the morals, character, and interests of said child, I do hereby engage and agree to abide by the judgment, decision and advice of the said Board, or Committee; and to wait until they may see that it is suitable and proper to return to my charge and protection.

In Testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand, this
 day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
 hundred and

Signed in presence of

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

Item . . . I, A. B. do give and bequeath to the Treasurer for the time being of the BOSTON CHILDREN'S FRIEND SOCIETY, the sum of for the use and benefit of said Institution, to be applied by the Board of Managers thereof, to the general objects of the Society. And I do direct, that the receipt of the Treasurer, shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors for the same.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 1938.

Mrs. THOMAS BALDWIN, *President*.
" WILLIAM REYNOLDS, }
" J. C. PROCTOR, } *Vice Presidents*.
" DANIEL NOYES, }
" J. B. GREGERSON, *Secretary*.
" LEWIS LEROW, *Treasurer*, No. 47, Allen Street.

MANAGERS.

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" EBENEZER SMITH,	" JAMES CUSHING,
" S. COLBY,	" BENJAMIN KIMBALL,
" JAMES F. BALDWIN,	" WARD JACKSON,
" NATHANIEL HENCHMAN,	" E. GUILD,
" GEORGE E. HEAD,	" WILLIAM ADAMS.

PHYSICIANS.

Dr. JAMES B. GREGERSON, *Attending*.
Dr. GEORGE HAYWARD, *Consulting*.

COLLECTORS.

Mrs. H. M. ROBBINS.	Miss HARRIET CENTER.
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Miss NANCY HILL.	" C. A. MORRIS.
" HARRIET P. HENCHMAN.	Mrs. M. CARPENTER.
" M. MELLEDGE.	Miss ELIZA SCOTT.
" JANE DOGGETT.	" MARY PARKER.
" LUCY JACKSON.	" SARAH PARKER.
" MARTHA QUINCY.	Mrs. J. DUNHAM, Jr.

Collectors will be appointed to other Churches, as soon as any can be found to serve.

BOARD OF ADVISERS.

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The Institution is located at No. 83, Prince Street, near Charlestown Bridge, and now contains about fifty children.

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